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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

BPOL Payment, Filing Due March 1

The deadline for city businesses to file and pay for the City of Fairfax business license (BPOL) is March 1. The postmark, not the postage meter date, will determine the filing and payment date of mailed applications.

License renewals and new licenses must be filed and paid to the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall. For information, call 703-385-7880.

Commercial Recycling Reports Due March 1

City business owners must submit an annual report by March 1 on the amount of recycling their businesses generate. The report must be submitted electronically using a form on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7837.

March 4 is Deadline for General Election Filing

Candidate filings are due by 7 p.m. March 4 for Mayor (one position, two-year term), City Council (six positions, two-year term) and School Board (five positions, two-year term). Candidate information bulletins, filing papers and petitions are available from the State Board of Elections (800-552-9745; www.sbe.state.va.us) and at the Sisson House (adjacent to City Hall).

Voter registration books close April 14 for the May 6 election. For information, call 703-385-7890.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Winter Takes Fairfax by Storm Drifts Top Out at 15 Inches from 'Snochi' Event

Fairfax received a one-two punch February 12-13 as more than a foot of snow blanketed roads and buildings from two separate fronts in 36 hours.

When the snow settled, plows removed snow from the city's 70 miles of roads and uncounted municipal walkways, bus stops and parking lots.

Massive mounds of snow moved by oversized equipment sometimes spilled onto driveways and walkways, unfortunate but unavoidable.

Despite the warm temperatures that followed, snow lingered on walkways, reminding business owners and residents alike about

the importance of shoveling sidewalks and walkways for pedestrians, especially school children, who use them. (Photo by Chris Cohen, City of Fairfax)



Route 123 Bridge Replacement Scheduled to Begin in Late March

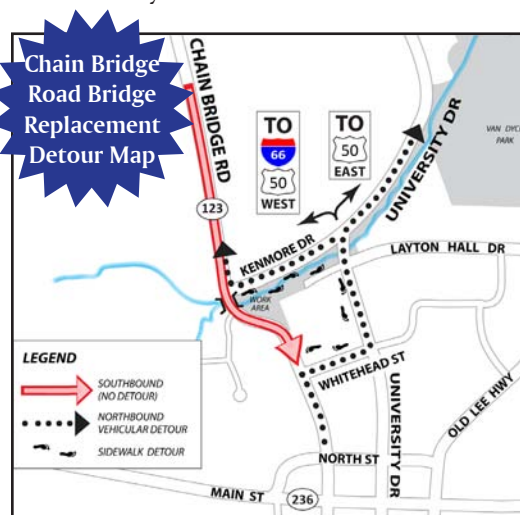
Access Between Kenmore Drive and Route 123 Now Limited

Construction to replace the aging bridge over Accotink Creek on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road at Kenmore Drive currently is scheduled to begin in late March. (Please note date change.) Currently, access between Kenmore Drive and Chain Bridge Road is limited due to water main work in preparation of the bridge replacement.

During the bridge replacement, northbound Chain Bridge Road traffic will be detoured. Southbound traffic will not be detoured, but lanes will shift in the work zone. Sidewalks in the work zone will be closed. Pedestrians should follow the Chain Bridge Road detour. (See map, right.)

The detour will be in place for most of the duration of the project, which could take up to six months. Consider University Drive as an alter-

nate north-south route to avoid the work zone. For up-to-date information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7810.





NEWS & NOTES

CUE Bus Survey Set for March, April

If you ride the CUE Bus or University Shuttle — or if you don't — we want to know what you think.

George Mason University and the City of Fairfax have launched a study of the two transit systems and are conducting a survey on ridership and rider patterns from mid-March through April. Surveyors will be on the buses and shuttles, and may send information via e-mail and mail to current customers, former riders and those who do not use the systems.

Mason and the city want to understand how the existing system is being used and need to conduct detailed surveys of ridership and rider patterns.

Please consider participating, if you are approached. Your response is vital in helping determine how to best serve your transportation needs. For information, call 703-385-7889.

Apply Now for the Tax Prep Assistance Available from City, VITA, AARP, TCE

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides free assistance preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns for city residents with incomes up to \$60,000. Appointments are available through April 11 in City Hall. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7880.

AARP TaxAide and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offer free federal tax return assistance to low- and moderate-income persons of any age through April 15 at multiple area drop-in locations. For information, call (888) AARP-NOW.

Military personnel and the elderly have options: Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax help for people age 60 and older and military personnel also can get free tax help through the Armed Forces Tax Council. For information, call (800) 829-1040.

Wastewater Service: Partnership with City, County, Customers

First in a series

The City of Fairfax provides businesses and residences with sanitary sewer/wastewater service.

Wastewater service is provided through an extensive, 108-mile system of gravity collection lines throughout the city and four pumping stations that convey wastewater to Fairfax County's Noman M. Cole Jr. Pollution Control Plant for treatment. The city owns capacity at the plant and reimburses Fairfax County for all wastewater treatment and upgrade services.

The city carefully maintains its wastewater system for the best possible

service. However, there are instances when wastewater backs up into buildings, causing damage to property. Historically, the city's insurance carrier has denied claims unless the city is found to be negligent.

The city recommends property owners and renters purchase wastewater backup insurance, as well as insurance coverage in case of water damage from internal backups and exterior sources (such as water main breaks). Such insurance is not automatic and must be requested; it could cost as little as a few dollars a month, but could save thousands; contact your insurance provider.

Information Sought for Medical Transport Billing Refund Program

Due to a change in billing practices, some city residents were incorrectly invoiced for medical transport by the city, and the City of Fairfax Fire Department is contacting them to arrange for reimbursement for the amount they were over-charged.

The intent of the city's ambulance billing program, initiated in 2007, was to invoice the patient's medical insurance company and waive any remaining balance upon insurance payment receipt. Those patients who were self-insured or uninsured were not supposed to receive a bill.

City residents who received medical

transport by the City of Fairfax Fire Department between September 2009 and October 2013 may have received invoices for the balance of their charge not covered by insurance.

City staff has reviewed all invoices issued by their third-party billing company and have identified residents who were improperly invoiced. These residents will receive a letter with their specific details. They need to call 703-385-7940 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/emsrefund to validate their information and they will be issued a refund for the amount of the overpayment. For information, e-mail emsbilling@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7940.

Budget Discussions Continue in March

Help the City Council determine the city's financial priorities for fiscal year 2014-15 by participating in the annual budget review. The proposed budget is scheduled for adoption on Wednesday, April 30 (*see schedule, right*).

The budget is a detailed description of how taxpayer money is spent and a fact-filled reference on the city government's structure and operations. It also includes the first year of the five-year Capital Improvement Program.

The proposed budget explains the city's goals, proposed programs and activities for that fiscal year. Copies are available, and the budget document and has been posted on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7870.

Budget Review Schedule

- March 11: budget mark-up during City Council work session
 - March 18: work session (staff presentations)
 - March 25: real estate tax rate to be advertised during City Council meeting
 - April 1: Budget public hearing and budget mark-up during work session
 - April 8: Budget public hearing and budget mark-up during work session
 - April 22: Budget public hearing and budget mark-up during work session
 - April 30: Public hearing on real estate tax rate and budget adoption
- Budget meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and are televised on Cityscreen-12; see page 5 for schedule and viewing information. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Schedule is subject to change.**

City's Real Property Tax Base Increases 3.29 Percent in 2014

The city's real property tax base is projected to increase by about 3.29 percent for 2014. Increased assessments makes up 2.69 percent of this increase, while 0.60 percent is attributable to growth and new construction. This increase reflects improved market conditions in the residential sector, but also a commercial sector which remains flat.

Real estate assessment notices, which will be mailed in mid-March, will reflect an overall projected increase of about \$176 million in assessed value.

Residential assessments, which constitute roughly 62 percent of all assessments, will increase by approximately 4.53 percent overall this year, not including growth and new construction.

Existing single-family property assessments are expected to increase 4.5 percent on average, ranging from no increase in certain neighborhoods to as much as 13 percent in others. Residential condominiums are expected to increase 8 percent on average, ranging from 5-12 percent depending on the neighborhood. Townhomes are expected to increase 3.3 percent on average, ranging from 0-11 percent, depending on the neighborhood.

Overall, commercial real estate assessments, which constitute roughly 38 percent of all assessments, are projected to decrease 0.10 percent, not including

growth and new construction. Average assessments will change for specific property types, including free-standing office buildings (-2 percent), commercial condominiums (-3 percent), retail (increasing 1-2 percent, depending on use), industrial flex/warehouse (up 6 percent), and multi-family (little or no change). Vacant commercial land is projected to remain level with 2013.

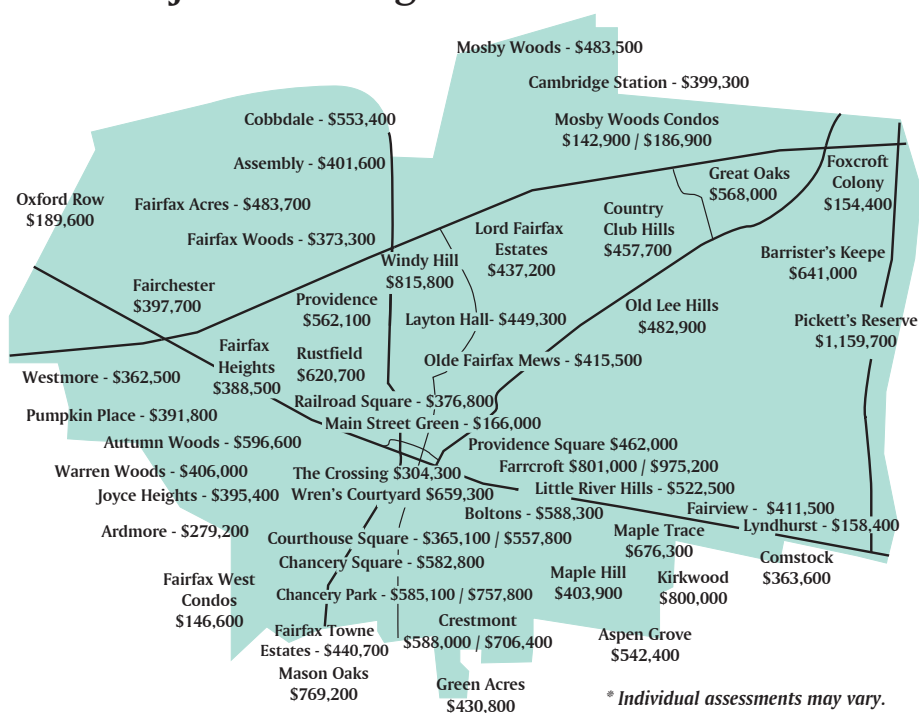
Commercial and residential development, newly constructed homes, and residential and commercial renovations have added an estimated \$32 million to the property tax base for 2014.

Revenues projected from real estate assessments are the single largest source of the city's revenue. The City Council will set the 2014 tax rate during the budget process. The tax rate determines the amount of real estate taxes paid for the calendar year.

Real estate assessments, made each year, are effective January 1. Virginia law requires that the assessed value of real property reasonably reflect fair market value as indicated by recent sales, and that it be equitable with the assessments placed on comparable properties.

Real estate assessment and sales information, as well as appeal forms, instructions, and other information are available on the city website, or call 703-385-7840.

2014 Projected Average Residential Assessments*



* Individual assessments may vary.



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Dispose of Broken Recycling Bins Curbside

The city-supplied blue recycling bins for residential curbside collection are durable, but they can crack, break or become otherwise unusable over time. When this happens, request a replacement bin from the Operations Division (703-385-7837; RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov).

To dispose of unusable recycling bins, mark them with a note for workers to "take the old bins," then place them at the curb with recycling materials.

Residents may use multiple recycling bins on collection day; request additional bins from the Operations Division.

Residents also may purchase their own toter containers and mark them as "recycling" for proper collection by city crews.

Spring Cleanup Day Set for April 26

April is Fairfax's Spring Cleanup Month, and the city provides services to assist with spring cleaning — including Spring Cleanup Day, where individuals or groups choose a neighborhood or public area to clean.

The city provides trash bags and collects the used ones on Spring Cleanup Day, which this year is April 26. Choose a park, roadside, creek bed, historic property or other area that needs your attention. Obtain permission from the property owners, such as the city or community association, before beginning.

If April 26 isn't convenient, choose a different day — and see what arrangements can be made.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever.*

Flyers are available on the Refuse & Recycling page of the city website or call 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Zoning Rewrite Public Workshop Set for March 20

The city is hosting a public workshop at 7 p.m. March 20 at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, for residents and business owners to offer feedback on consultants' findings regarding the rewrite of the city's zoning regulations. The workshop will allow the public to review suggested changes before work begins on rewriting the ordinance. For information, call 703-385-7930.

In December 2013, the consulting team Duncan and Associates conducted a series of listening sessions with development industry professionals, business community members and city staff to help identify areas for improvement in the city's land use regulations and procedures.

Consultants have compiled an analysis report based on the findings from those discussions, as well as the consultant's independent review of the city's zoning ordinance. The report also includes an annotated outline that provides a description of the proposed organizational structure of a new ordinance. To view the report, visit www.zoningfairfax.com.

City Provides Real Estate Tax, Rent Relief

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rental relief for senior citizens or city residents with permanent or total disabilities. Applications, which are due April 15, are available from the Finance Department, Room 312 in City Hall. For information, call 703-359-2486.

For real estate tax relief, the combined gross household income limit is \$72,000 and the current asset limit is \$340,000. Different types of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Rent relief is available for senior citizens age 65 and older or renters with permanent or total disabilities. The maximum household income level is \$40,000 and the assistance is a single payment of \$420 per year.

Also, Virginia has a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Renovated Homes Earn Tax Exemption

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption. The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at

least 15 years old. The improvements must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for exemption *before any construction begins*. The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (one vacancy for position with fire protection experience) — Acts on applications for appeals from building official decisions based on the provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code which relate to the technical aspects of building maintenance regulations and to all of the other provisions of such code. Meets as needed.
- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy for alternate position) — Hears appeals of assessed value of real estate. Court appointed.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Sets program policies and serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **Fairfax Area Disability Services Board** (one vacancy for city representative) — Advises local government about the service needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities and implements the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Fairfax Commission on Aging** (one vacancy for city resident) — Informs the community of the needs of the elderly and makes legislative and budgetary recommendations to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on issues faced by the elderly.
- **Fairfax County Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city representative) — Coordinates resources in the community; promotes awareness of organ and tissue donation and transplantation; educates the community about the organ and tissue donation process; and increases the number of Fairfax County organ and tissue donors.
- **Health Systems Agency for Northern Virginia** (one vacancy for city representative) — Plans for the health-care needs of the area and works with other regional groups on health-care issues.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply.
Information: 703-385-7935.





MARCH

CITYSCREEN-12 SCHEDULE

Cox Franchise Agreement to be Approved by City Council March 25

The City of Fairfax City Council will review and finalize the franchise agreement with Cox Communication at the March 25 meeting. For information, call 703-385-7803.

The Fairfax Scene

Through March 14, enjoy highlights from the 2014 Chocolate Lovers Festival. Beginning, March 15, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Curator Susan Gray takes us on a virtual tour through Fairfax, 1863.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. Shows are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, March 3, 7:30 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, March 4, 10 am, 7 pm;

Thursday, March 6, 10 am, 7 pm;

Monday, March 17, 10 am, 7 pm;

Tuesday, March 18, 10 am;

Thursday, March 20, 10 am, 7 pm;

Archived online March 4

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, March 11, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Wednesday, March 12, 10 am, 7 pm;

Friday, March 14, 10 am, 7 pm;

Saturday, March 15, 10 am, 7 pm;

Sunday, March 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 12

OnDEMAND replay begins March 16

Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Wednesday, March 19, 10 am, 7 pm;

Friday, March 21, 10 am, 7 pm;

Saturday, March 22, 10 am, 7 pm;

Sunday, March 23, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 19

OnDEMAND replay begins March 23

Tuesday, March 25, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Wednesday, March 26, 10 am, 7 pm;

Friday, March 28, 10 am, 7 pm;

Saturday, March 29, 10 am, 7 pm;

Sunday, March 30, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 26

OnDEMAND replay begins March 30

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, March 10, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, March 11, 10 am;

Thursday, March 13, 10 am, 7 pm;

Archived online March 11

Monday, March 24, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, March 25, 10 am;

Thursday, March 27, 10 am, 7 pm;

Archived online March 25

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.



Proposed Agendas for School Board, City Council, Planning Commission

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

March 3 regular meeting

- Presentation of Fairfax High School All-Night Graduation Party donation.
- Spotlight on Learning: Lanier Middle School Eco-Club.
- Student representative report.
- Presentation on Lanier Middle School.
- Approval of February School Board meeting minutes.

March 17 work session

- Presentations: Advanced Academic Programs (AAP) in City Schools; Review Student Panel Questions: Dr. Peter Noonan, Superintendent; School Board Development
- Closed meeting to discuss school superintendent's review and evaluation.

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

March 4 work session

- Joint discussion with the Board of Architectural Review regarding their role and duties.
- Discussions: of Fairfax Circle redevelopment; of Northfax redevelopment; on project construction and operation costs for "Old Town Square."

March 11 regular meeting and work session

- Consent agenda: Introduction of an ordinance pertaining to cross-connection and backflow regulations; Introduction of an ordinance approving the Cox Cable Franchise agreement.
- Public hearings: on a request for a special use permit to allow a home child care facility with up to 12 children maximum at 10319 Wood Road; on a request for a special use permit to allow a home child care facility with up to 12 children maximum at 10506 Oak Place.

- Discussion and mark-up of the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15.

- Discussion of storm water management.

March 18 work session

- Staff budget presentations.

March 25 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings: on an ordinance pertaining to cross-connection and backflow regulations; on an ordinance approving the Cox Cable franchise agreement; on a request by Woodmont Shopping Center for a special exception for a parking reduction at 1113 Lee Highway.
- Consideration of the maximum real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2014-15 to be advertised. (This action sets the maximum real estate tax rate that can be adopted as part of the fiscal year 2014-15 budget. This action does not set the actual real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2014-15.)

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

March 10 regular meeting

- Public hearing on a proposed proffer amendment for 10560 Main Street (Mosby Tower building).
- Consideration of an application to approve a subdivision at 3675 Old Lee Highway.

March 24 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearing on the proposed redevelopment of 9444 and 9500 Fairfax Boulevard (Fairfax Circle Plaza Shopping Center property) for a mixed use development with retail space and rental apartments.
- Work session on a proposed rezoning of 3500 and 3504 Chain Bridge Road (Cobbs Grove) for planned development.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.





CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

January 28, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved unanimously, to authorize the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority regarding NVTa's distribution of the 30 percent funds to the City of Fairfax.
- Approved, unanimously, to authorize the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission authorizing the NVTC to act on the city's behalf as the contracting and coordinating agent for the new electronic payment program.
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution to approve the city's submission to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for fiscal year 2014-16 NVTa 70 percent funding.
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution to request that the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board transfer a section of public road (road frontage along Fairfax Boulevard between Pickett Road and Fairfax Circle) to the City of Fairfax.
- Approved, 5-1, to adopt a resolution regarding an advisory referendum to be conducted on November 4, 2014 pertaining to increasing the terms of office of City Councilmembers, the Mayor and the members of the School Board from two years to four years. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Greenfield, Meyer and Stombres; opposed: Councilmember Schmidt.*)

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution approving the issuance of its Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2014, and setting forth the form, details and provisions for the payment thereof and approving the award of such Bond to the Virginia Resources Authority in exchange for the cancellation of prior lease obligations of the city.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution of \$84,200 for the replacement of a natural gas line at the City of Fairfax Property Yard.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance

adopting loose-leaf Supplement 15 to the City Code.

Actions out of the closed meeting

- Approved unanimously, to authorize and approve the settlement of the *City of Fairfax v. Swart Northwest Corner Associates L.P.* (Fairfax County Circuit Court No. CL2012-11079), relating to condemnation of property located at 11200 Fairfax Boulevard on the terms and conditions outlined by the city attorney in closed meeting. Councilmember Drummond further moved to authorize the city attorney to finalize the negotiations and any settlement agreement in this matter and to authorize the city attorney and the city manager, as applicable, to execute any documentation necessary to finalize the settlement.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Confirmed Paul Cunningham as the Planning Commission representative on the Board of Architectural Review for a one-year term extending through February 7, 2015.
- Confirmed Jennifer Passey as the Planning Commission representative on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a one-year term extending through February 7, 2015.

February 11, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of Homeowner's Association Covenants for Avery Park subdivision; Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$73,500 to fund a portion of the CUE/George Mason University Transit Study. (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Presentation of the City of Fairfax FY2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Unanimously, appointed Sharon Clark Chang to the Commission on the Arts for a three-year term extending through February 11, 2017. (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)

- Unanimously, appointed Timothy Killian to the Environmental Sustainability Committee for a two-year term extending through February 11, 2016. (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)
- Unanimously, appointed Jeff Ferrell to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the remainder of a three-year term extending through September 25, 2015. (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent.*)

Attend a City Council meeting in the City Hall Annex.
Agendas are available on the city's website: [click here.](#)

Watch televised City Council meetings live and replayed on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, on cable television and on the city's website. See page 5!

In Case of Emergency...

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television and city website

24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers via e-mail, pager, text and phone
24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information
24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

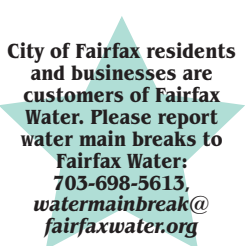



Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

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City of Fairfax Community Calendar

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		 <p>See a pothole in the City of Fairfax? Report it! Pothole Hotline: 703-385-7810, WeCare@fairfaxva.gov</p>		 <p>City of Fairfax residents and businesses are customers of Fairfax Water. Please report water main breaks to Fairfax Water: 703-698-5613, watermainbreak@ fairfaxwater.org</p>	 <p>Mark your calendar: Fairfax Civil War Day will be held from 10 am to 5 pm April 26 at Historic Blenheim. Information: 703-591-0560 or check the city website!</p>	<p>1 BPOL filing, payments due Commercial recycling reports due Indoor Flea Market hosted by the Young at Heart Senior Center, 9 am to 1 pm, Green Acres Center Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, 9 am, Green Acres Center</p>
<p>2 <i>Irish Social Dance with Music by Shepherd's Pie Ceili Band, 3 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim</i></p>	<p>3  Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p>	<p>4 General Election candidate filings due for Mayor, City Council, School Board City Council work session, 7 pm, Civil War Interpre- tive Center at Historic Blenheim English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p>	<p>5 Community Inclusion Task Force, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustain- ability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center</p>	<p>6 Fairfax City Democratic meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>7 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>Joffrey Ballet: American Legends, 8 pm, Center for the Arts</i></p>	<p>8 Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free dance lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Community Center <i>Joffrey Ballet: American Legends, 8 pm, Center for the Arts</i></p>
<p>9 Second Sunday Series: <i>The Civil War Romance of Antonia Ford and Major Joseph C. Willard,</i> 2 pm, Civil War Interpre- tive Center at Historic Blenheim</p>	<p>10  Planning Commission meet- ing, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p>	<p>11  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Fairfax County Public Schools Budget Meeting hosted by City of Fairfax School Board, 7 pm, Fairfax High School library</p>	<p>12 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, 4031 University Drive Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center Spotlight on the Arts Steer- ing Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Center</p>	<p>13 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>14 <i>Special event vendor applica- tions due</i> Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>Despicable Me 2</i>, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 <i>Irish Breakfast Band, 8 pm,</i> Old Town Hall</p>	 <p>15 Find out first! Find out fast! Sign up for eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system. Sign up at emas.fairfaxva.gov</p>
<p>16 Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.</p>	<p>17 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School</p>	<p>18  City Council work session (staff budget presentations), 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Commission on the Arts, meeting 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>19 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>20 <i>Friday Morning Music Club,</i> 11 am, Old Town Hall Zoning Rewrite Public Workshop, 7 pm, Old Town Hall Independence Day Celebra- tion Committee, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>21 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)</p>	<p>22 Antiques and Trinkets Appraisal Show, 10 am to 12:30 pm, Sherwood Center <i>Confederate Memorial Day in Alexandria from 1866 to the Present, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim</i> <i>City of Fairfax Band, 8 pm,</i> Fairfax High School</p>
<p>23 Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road <i>Fairfax Symphony Orchestra,</i> 2 pm, Center for the Arts</p>	<p>24  <i>Absentee voting available for May 6 General Election</i> Planning Commission meet- ing, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p>	<p>25  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p>	<p>26  <p>Check out Leisure Times for information on Parks and Recreation programs and more!</p> </p>	<p>27 Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>28 <i>Drop off donated items for the IDCC Yard Sale from 4- 8 pm at Green Acres Center</i> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>U.S. Navy Band Country Current, 8 pm, Old Town Hall</i></p>	<p>29 IDCC Yard Sale, 8 am to 1 pm, Green Acres Center <i>The Mason Players: The Rover, 2 pm, 8 pm, Center for the Arts</i></p>
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ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Indoor Flea Market Set for March 1

Find that special treasure and support the Young at Heart Senior Center: stop by the annual indoor flea market and bake sale scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 1 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

Shoppers can take a break at the Young at Heart Café, open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the flea market.

History Talks Planned March 9, 22

Learn about Fairfax's own "North and South" love story at 2 p.m. March 9 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Discover *Confederate Memorial Day in Alexandria from 1866 to the Present* at 2 p.m. March 22 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues March 14

Catch a family movie for free at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Scheduled movies include *Despicable Me 2* March 14 and

Hercules April 11.

Lights go down at 7 p.m. and participants may bring their own snacks.

Also, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

Vendor Applications Accepted for City Events Through March 14

The City of Fairfax seeks applications for vendors to participate in city special events.

Applications are available on the city website and are due March 14. Here are vendor opportunities for upcoming city special events:

- Food vendors are sought for the Independence Day activities July 4.
- Craft and food vendors are sought for the Fall Festival October 11 and the Holiday Craft Show November 15-16.

Appraisal Show Set for March 22

Curious about what the family heirloom is really worth? Find out from a certified appraiser (gemologist or generalist) at the Antiques and Trinkets Appraisal Show from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 22 at the Sherwood Center.

Admission is \$5 and includes one

verbal appraisal, and appraisals for up to two additional items can be purchased for \$3 each. Proceeds benefit the Young at Heart Senior Center.

IDCC Holds Yard Sale March 29; Items Sought

The Independence Day Celebration Committee will hold an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 29 at Green Acres Center — and seeks donated items.

These items will be accepted for the yard sale from 4-8 p.m. March 28 in the Green Acres Center cafeteria: children's clothes, toys, bikes, computers, furniture and household linens. *Please, no adult-size clothing or cloth-covered sofas.*

Proceeds will benefit the city's 2014 Independence Day celebration set for July 4. For information, call 703-385-7949.

Independence Day Parade Applications Due April 1

Join friends and family, civic and business groups: march in the city's Independence Day Parade July 4. Please submit a parade application by April 1.

Volunteers also are sought to assist during the event. Applications are available on the city website.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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